

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2005-13 –W/S**

**WYBOO PLANTATION UTILITIES, INC. – APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF  
NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES**

Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. (WPU or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an increase in its monthly water and wastewater rates. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-210 *et. seq.* The Company asserts that an increase in its rates is warranted so that WPU may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers. According to the Application, the rates proposed also are necessary in order for the Company to comply with the standards and regulations set forth by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other governmental agencies. Additionally, the Company asserts that the proposed rates are necessary to enable it to earn a reasonable return on its investment and to attract capital for future improvements.

The Company's current rates are as follows:

**CURRENT SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES**

Monthly Water Usage Rate	-	\$18.00 per month
Monthly Irrigation Usage Rate (April through September only)	-	\$10.00 per month

**CURRENT SCHEDULE OF WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES**

Monthly Sewer Usage Rate	-	\$ 20.00
Tap Fee	-	\$500.00

The Company's proposed rates are as follows:

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES**

A.	Set Rate for Residential	-	\$52.00 per month
	a. Rate for Outside Use	-	\$25.00 per month
	b. Residential Pools	-	\$52.00 per month
	c. Commercial Pools	-	\$150.00 per month
	** Cost to Fill an Empty Residential Pool	-	\$250.00 per occurrence
	** Cost to Fill a Commercial Pool	-	\$500.00 per occurrence

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B.	Metered Rate for Residential		
	a. Rate for 0-3000 gallons	-	\$52.00
	b. Rate for over 3000 gallons	-	\$2.71 per thousand
C.	Set Rate for Commercial		
	a. Rate for 0-3000 gallons	-	\$52.00 per SFE
	b. Rate for over 3000 gallons	-	\$3.50 per thousand
D.	Metered Rate for Commercial		
	a. Rate for 0-3000 gallons	-	\$52.00 per SFE
	b. Rate for over 3000 gallons	-	\$3.50 per thousand
E.	Water Tap Rate - ¾ inch		
	a. Short Tap	-	\$800.00
	b. Long Tap	-	\$950.00
F.	Water Tap Rate – 1 inch		
	a. Short Tap	-	\$1200.00
	b. Long Tap	-	\$1350.00
G.	Water Tap Rate for Taps over 1 inch is at cost.		
H.	Water Impact Fee		
	A. Residential (New Connection Only)	-	\$500.00
	B. Commercial (New Connection Only)	-	\$800.00
I.	Recumbent of all DHEC Fees Levied on WPU		
J.	Reconnection Fee	-	\$35.00
K.	Reinstall Meter Fee	-	\$50.00
L.	Tampering Charge	-	\$500.00 plus repairs
M.	Customer Account Charge (new customers and all areas)	-	\$15.00

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF WASTEWATER RATES**

A.	Set Rate for Residential – Sewer Main 2” min.	\$52.00 per month
B.	Metered Sewer Rate for Residential – Sewer Main 2” min.	
	a. 0-3000 gallons	\$52.00
	b. over 3000 gallons	\$3.80 per thousand

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- C. Set Sewer Rate for Commercial  
a. Sewer Main 2" min. - \$52.00 (per SFE) per month
- D. Metered Sewer Rate for Commercial – Min. of 2" Sewer Main  
a. 0-3000 gallons - \$52.00 (per SFE)  
b. over 3000 gallons - \$3.80 per thousand
- E. Sewer Tap Fee – 2" Main Min.  
a. Residential (force or gravity feed) - \$2200.00  
b. Commercial (force or gravity feed) - \$2800.00
- F. Sewer Tap Fees over 2 inches will be at cost.
- G. Sewer Impact Fees (Residential and Commercial) - \$800.00
- H. Sewer Step System - @\$5500.00\*  
\* (Depending on cost of material) To be installed by WPU approved contractor in accordance with the Company's specifications.
- I. Sewer Step System at cost to customer for all PRV maintenance, regular maintenance and or all emergency calls to each individual system. All systems not installed in accordance with WPU regulation must comply and be brought up to date by each customer at their expense at the time of required repairs or maintenance. Prior installations are not grandfathered in.
- J. Reconnection Fee - \$55.00\*\*  
\*\* Reconnection Fee shall be due prior to reconnection if service has been disconnected at the request of the customer or terminated for non payment.
- K. Collection Procedures  
The Company is requesting a change in collection procedures. All bills are considered late on the 10<sup>th</sup> day from the due date. A 10% late fee is needed to cover costs for collection. The Company is requesting to terminate a customer's service on the 20<sup>th</sup> date from the due date. All expenses associated with collection from the customers are to be paid by the customers (to include all expenses for the required certified mailings for collection, attorney's fees and court costs)
- L. The Company's Application also includes additional charges for customers receiving sewage collection through an approved solids interceptor tank. These charges include pumping charges (plus administration cost of \$13.75), pump repair or pump replacement charges, repairs related to the electrical system, and charges related to interceptor tanks. A detailed description of these charges is outlined in the Company's Application.

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A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P.O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, the WPU's Application is available on the Commission's website at [www.psc.state.sc.us](http://www.psc.state.sc.us).

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 26, 2005**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **March 25, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-13-W/S.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the undersigned and Mr. Mark S. Wrigley, CEO, Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc., Post Office Box 2099, Sumter, South Carolina 29151 on or before **March 25, 2005**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-13-W/S.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the undersigned, in writing, on or before **March 25, 2005**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-13-W/S.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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